



Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A press-in apparatus for a Z profile sheet pile, comprising:

a press-in section for grasping a Z profile sheet pile having clutches at both ends to press in, wherein:

the press-in section comprises a grasping mechanism for grasping the two profile sheet piles individually to press in; and

wherein the press-in section the grasping mechanism grasps each end portion of the two Z profile sheet piles, each grasping end portions being on an opposite side of the clutches at which the two Z profile sheet piles are joined each other, individually, and presses two Z profile sheet piles in at a time in a state where the two Z profile sheet piles are joined each other at clutches thereof.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The press-in apparatus for a Z profile sheet pile as ~~claimed in any one of claims 1-3~~ according to claim 1 further comprising a plurality of clamp parts for supporting the press-in section and clamping Z profile sheet piles which were pressed in by the press-in section to receive a reaction force when grasping a new Z profile sheet pile by the press-in section to press in,

wherein the plurality of clamp parts clamp each joint part of the clutches of the Z profile sheet piles which are joined each other.

5. (Currently Amended) A press-in method for pressing a Z profile sheet pile in, comprising the step of:

pressing the two Z profile sheet piles in at a time in a state where the two Z profile sheet piles are joined each other at the clutches thereof by using the press-in apparatus for a Z profile sheet pile ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1-3~~ according to claim 1.

6. (Original) A press-in method for pressing a Z profile sheet pile in, comprising the step of:

pressing the two Z profile sheet piles in at a time in a state where the two Z profile sheet piles are joined each other at the clutches thereof by using the press-in apparatus for a Z profile sheet pile as claimed in claim 4.

7. (Original) The press-in method for pressing a Z profile sheet pile in, as claimed in claim 5, wherein when pressing the two Z profile sheet piles in at a time, the two Z profile sheet piles are pressed in alternately one by one through a plurality of steps in a state of maintaining the two Z profile sheet piles to be joined each other at the clutches thereof.

8. (Original) The press-in method for pressing a Z profile sheet pile in, as claimed in claim 6, wherein when pressing the two Z profile sheet piles in at a time, the two Z profile sheet piles are pressed in alternately one by one though a plurality of steps in a state of maintaining the two Z profile sheet piles to be joined each other at the clutches thereof.